

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENT

1. The examiner has objected to the Abstract. Responsive to this objection, a new or replacement Abstract is provided with this Amendment as a separate sheet without underlining as required under 37 CFR 1.72.

2. The examiner has further objected to the specification as not providing a proper antecedent basis for a securing clip mounted to the other one of said pair of slider extension tubes to help secure the other one of said pair of slider extension tubes in a fixed position relative to the user. Responsive to this objection, please amend Paragraph 051 as follows:

[051] While particular embodiments of the present invention have been disclosed, it is to be understood that various different modifications are possible and are contemplated within the true spirit and scope of the appended claims. For example, the ear piece support tube 40 described as having its distal end plugged with a removable plastic stop 42 could also be crimped or clamped at its distal end to provide an airtight seal preventing fluid from escaping from the distal end of the tube 40. As another example, the securing arrangement 22 is described, as being constructed of all plastic parts could also have been metal parts. Further the securing arrangement 22 could also be secured to tube 50 as opposed to tube 20. In this regard, the flexible strap 26 is also adapted to be secured in a friction tight fit around the tube member 50 without pinching or closing off the flow of fluids within the tube member 50. Based on the foregoing, there is no intention, therefore, of limitations to the exact abstract or disclosure herein presented.

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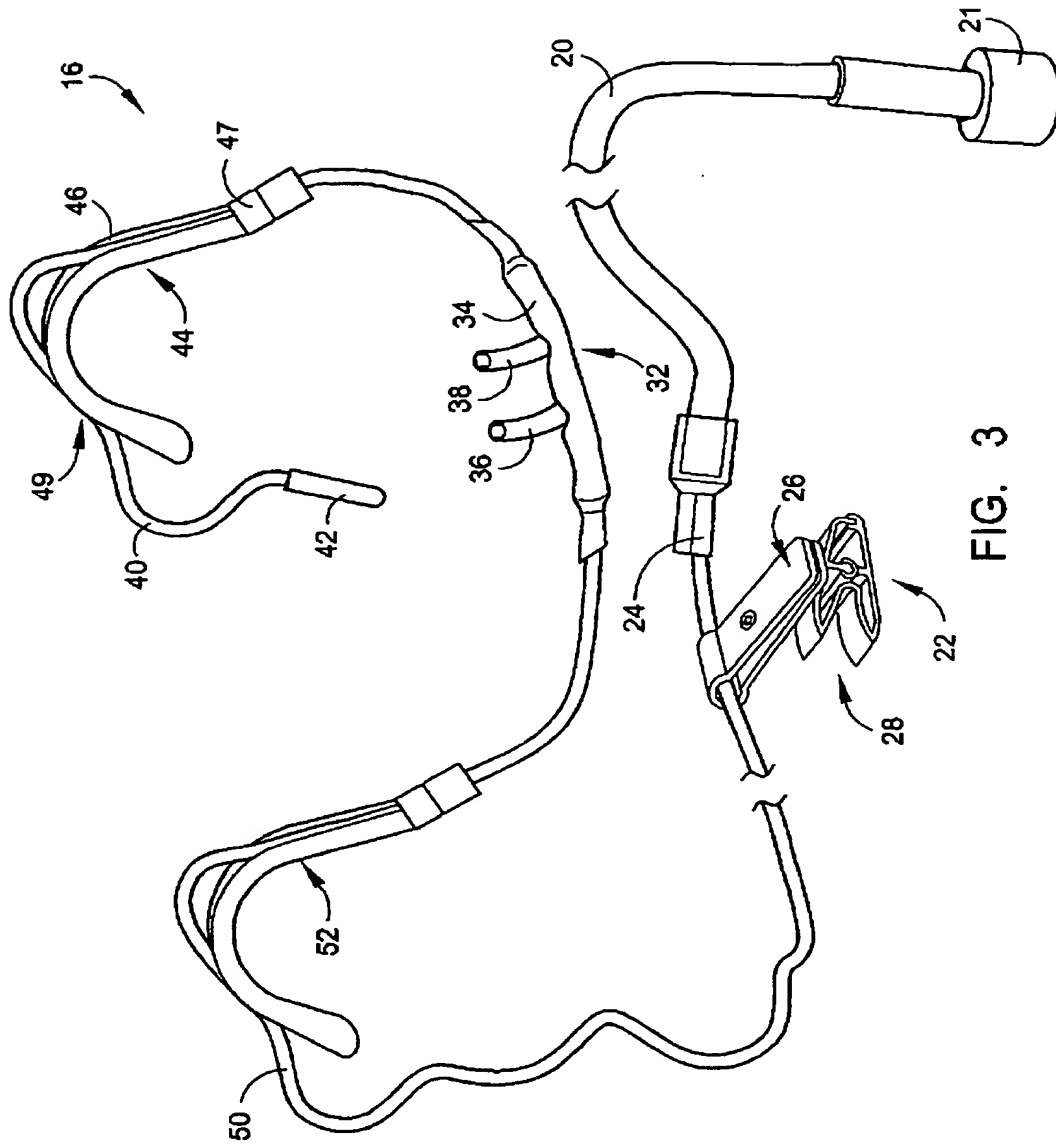


FIG. 3

IN THE DRAWINGS

The examiner objected to the drawings under 37 CFR. 1.83(a) as not showing every feature of the invention specified in the claims. In order to render the drawings consistent with the claims, which form part of the specification as originally filed, FIG. 2 of the drawings has been amended to show the securing arrangement 22 attached to the extension tube 50 as opposed to tube 20. In this regard, in the claims as originally filed claim 11 recited that the "securing clip" was "mounted to said section of fluid delivery tubing". The proposed amendment to FIG. 2 therefore does not constitute new matter and is made only to make the drawing consistent with the specification as originally filed.

A replacement for Sheet 2/6 is enclosed with this amendment and is so identified as a "Replacement Sheet".